(b) if so, the details of hostels where students have complained to the authorities of bad and mismanaged hostel facilities, State-wise and district-wise;

(c) whether the basic amenities provided here like food, toilets and recreation is very poor;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and details of funds granted to States to maintain these Government hostels; and

(e) whether States have asked for increase in funds to maintain these hostels and whether Government have granted the same to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (e) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), no such database is centrally maintained. However, UGC provides financial support to the colleges for construction of women hostels under its relevant scheme.

Aganwadi Centres in Maharashtra

†1164. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded sanction to a special proposal for increasing the number of anganwadi centres in Maharashtra under the Child Development Service Scheme;

(b) whether additional allocation of funds has been made for the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) to (c) A request has been received from the Government of Maharashtra for sanction of additional Anganwadi Centres. However, in view of resource constraints, the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme has been approved for continuation in the Tenth Five Year Plan

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within the existing ceiling of 5652 Projects. This position has been intimated to all the States, including Maharashtra.

Optional use of fund for women and child welfare

1165. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop an effective mechanism to ensure that the allocated sum for women and child welfare is spent optimally; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) and (b) The Department of Women and Child Development ensures optimal utilization of funds released under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes through monitoring of physical progress reports and financial utilization details obtained from the State Governments.

In respect of central sector grants-in-aid schemes, Scheme Guidelines prescribe the parameters for the approval of projects. Projects are taken up for consideration only after they are duly recommended by the State Empowered Committees constituted for the purpose. Projects are thereafter scrutinized by the members of the Project Sanctioning Committee before they are approved. The scheme guidelines provide for monitoring and submission of periodical progress reports, by their supervisory agencies, such as the State Women's Development Corporations. Second and subsequent instalments are released only after receipt of utilization certificates for the previous releases.

Permission for professional institutions

†1166. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that permission has been granted to start several professional institutions during the last five years;

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